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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Acting Chief, Geographic Research

Project No.: 64.1784

From: Chief, Geography Division

Date: 22 June 1959

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Geographic support for briefing the President's Panel on Seismic Improvement on intelligence aspects of the concealment of Soviet underground nuclear explosions.
2. Statement of Problem: a. To provide base maps of the USSR showing areas of known seismic activity. b. To provide overlays showing: salt domes and salt mining, vegetation, population density, permafrost, mined-out areas and abandoned tunnels, and marshes and bogs. c. To provide individual summary overlays showing the best and the worst areas to conceal underground nuclear tests. d. To provide distribution copies of maps showing USSR areas closed to foreigners.
3. Requester: AD/SI
4. Responsible Analysts and Branch: GG/S Staff
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired: D/GC/S to prepare base map and overlays.
6. Estimated Man Hours in D/GG: 250
7. Probable Completion Date: 30 June 1959
8. Probable Form of Final Publication: Maps and Overlays. G/S in D/GG.
9. Distribution: Requester Only.

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